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KEN ALVORD: Talking about the intelligence agency and whether or not intelligence agents other than the FBI should be allowed to pursue matters of national security as they relate to Americans in the borders of the United States, and for that matter, what national security really means when you get down to defining it.

Senator Barry Goldwater, for his morning conversation.

Senator, how would you define national security as it relates to intelligence surveillance of American citizens within the United States?

SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER: I would apply about the same rules I'd apply to security anyplace. National security, as it applies to the United States, is the security of our country. And I have to say that this would entail the right of the CIA and the other intelligence agencies to pursue American citizens if they felt the American citizens were guilty or possibly guilty of some crime against their government which could endanger the security of the entire nation.

ALVORD: What sort of oversight should there be on that process? Suppose an intelligence agency says, well I think maybe this person might be engaged -- should they -- shouldn't they have to go to somebody to say, yeah, well that makes sense to me?

SENATOR GOLDWATER: Well, of course, if we go through that cumbersome routine the chances are the people that we suspect would never be investigated, or if they were investigated

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